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REMARKS

Objections Withdrawn:

1. Applicants acknowledge the withdrawal of objections to claims 6-10 in view of Applicant's amendment dated 3/22/05.

35 USC 102/103 Rejections:

2. Claims 1-10, 12 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Long et al. (US 5,969,083). Applicants disagree.

Claim 1 has been amended to define the range of melting temperature of the LCP matrix to be equal to or greater than 399°C. This is not new matter as this melting temperature is shown in Table 1, page 5 of the present invention. This melting temperature falls outside of the melting temperature of Long of 357-375°C shown in Table 1, column 11. This temperature also falls outside of the melting temperatures of Table 6, columns 13 and 14. Thus, Long does not anticipate claim 1. Alternatively, claim 1 is not obvious in view of Long because the melt temperature is below the melt temperature of the present invention. Long does not disclose a melting temperature for LCP that exceeds 375 C (in the tables) or in Long's claims in which the LCPs are "equal to or less than 360°C" (see claims 1-3). For these reasons, amended claim 1 is believed in allowable condition.

Furthermore, claims 2-10 and 12 are dependent from claim 1 and are also believed not anticipated nor obvious in view of Long for the same reasons as claim 1. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-10 and 12 is respectfully requested.

New Claim Objections:

3. Claim 11 is objected to due to a limitation redundancy according to the Examiner. Applicant has amended claim 11 to remove the limitation of "containing at least two lubricating fillers". Claim 11 is now believed in allowable condition. Claim 12 has been amended to remove reference to an article according to claim 11. New claim 13 is from original claim 12. Claim 13 discloses an article made from claim 11 that was in original claim 12. Claim 13 depends from claim 11 and is thus believed allowable for the reasons stated for claim 11. Allowance of claim 13 is respectfully requested.

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Allowable Subject Matter:

The Examiner stated that claim 11 is allowable. Claim 11 has been amended to correct for the new objection as stated above and thus is believed to be in allowable condition.

Please charge the appropriate fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(e) for the request for continued examination to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company). A petition under 37 CFR § 1.136 for an extension of time is not believed required for this application, however, should an extension or other fee be required for consideration of this response, please charge that fee to the above deposit account.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

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